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Jolie, Pitt fell in love on action flick set

Finance critic touted as Grit interim leader

LIBERALS MP John McCallum is the Liberal caucus' first choice to take over the party as interim leader if Stéphane Dion announces his resignation today.

Dion is expected to reveal his decision at an 11 a.m. press conference, and Liberal sources say the shell-shocked leader spent the weekend in seclusion with his family in Quebec trying to decide the timing of his leave-taking.

If Dion decides to give up the mantle immediately, Liberals say the consensus choice for interim chief is McCallum, the Toronto-area MP who has been the party's finance critic.

McCallum wouldn't comment yesterday beyond saying that if asked, he would be "be willing to serve."

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Real Palin gets laughs on SNL



Charan Sethi, principal Quattro developer, answers questions near the fire-ravaged Whalley complex yesterday.

Investors locked in to Quattro project

Developer plans to rebuild fire-ravaged complex in Surrey

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Timeline

- RCMP are investigating the cause of the fire, the second at the site in less than a week.
- Developer Charan Sethi said he didn't know when the buildings would be completed, but



said he would have a better idea in 10 days to three weeks.

Investors in the fire-destroyed Quattro development in Surrey hoping to cash out of the cooling real estate market saw their hopes go up in smoke yesterday.

Charan Sethi, the developer behind the 1,100-unit mixed residential and commercial development, told a town-hall-style meeting outside Quattro that he remains committed to the project and plans to rebuild.

But at least one of the buyers said he had hoped that the Oct. 1 fire that razed Quattro 2 to the underground parkade would allow him to get his money back.

"The realtor who sold it to us phoned us up and told

us the unit was on fire," said Claus Sandhag, following the meeting yesterday. "We were happy. We thought we're going to be able to get out."

Claus and his wife, Carrie Armstrong, bought a unit in Quattro 2, speculating that

its value would increase. The complex was hyped as bringing Yaletown to Whalley.

"It cost me \$308,000. In two years is it going to be worth \$200,000? A \$150,000?"

Other buyers, however, were more optimistic.

Noel Hardy, who purchased a unit in Quattro 2 as an investment, liked what he heard.

"We're here for the long haul. We're going to stick with this developer ... this area is going to be very attractive moving forward."

Officers comb site of second explosion

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PIPELINE The RCMP continued yesterday to search the site of a second explosion near a gas pipeline in Dawson Creek, and into reports of a vehicle seen leaving the area.

The RCMP explosives unit and national terrorism team, and local search and rescue members have been conducting a grid search of the area since Friday.

"We are proceeding cautiously to make sure that no piece of evidence is missed," said Sgt. Tim Shields.

Investigators are also looking into reports of a pickup truck leaving the area of the second explosion early on Oct. 16.

Two explosions erupted under two sour gas pipelines southeast of Dawson Creek on Oct. 11 and Oct. 15.

The bombings followed a letter sent to local media that called oil and gas companies terrorists.



Investigators search the site of a second explosion near a gas pipeline in Northern B.C.

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Three Giller Prize nominees to attend Granville Island festival

The 21st Annual Vancouver International Writers Festival runs tomorrow through Sunday at Granville Island. In attendance will be 100 international writers, including three of the five authors short-listed for the Scotiabank Giller Prize: Ravi Hage, Joseph Boyden and Mary Swan. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Local



Rules toughened

It'll be more difficult this Halloween to buy fireworks in Vancouver, the fire department says. You'll have to pass an online safety test, then show two pieces of ID and a permit at the store. Fireworks can be bought between Oct. 25 and Oct. 31 and must be set off on Halloween only.

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News in brief

MURDERS Yesterday marked the one-year anniversary of the "Surrey Six" massacre, the worst gang-related slaying in B.C. history. Six men were killed in a Whalley apartment. No arrests have been made.

SHOOTING A 23-year-old man was taken to a Burnaby hospital yesterday with non-life threatening gunshot wounds. RCMP said the shooting appears to have been targeted.

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What's online today.

Read Guidy Mamann as he tackles the tricky question of immigration sponsorship at metronews.ca/live

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Extra 17, 25, 65, 67

These results are not official.



Book Warehouse employee Alan Hindle displays one of the company's gift cards at their Yaletown location yesterday. Book Warehouse removed expiry dates from the cards more than a year ago.

Cards will keep on giving: Province

SHOPPING Most gift cards sold in B.C. will no longer have expiry dates or be allowed to force people to pay user fees as of Nov. 1. "People buying gift cards will now get what they pay for, because the value of a gift card can no longer be eroded by fees or handling charges," B.C. Solicitor General John van Dongen

said on Saturday.

The new law doesn't apply to pre-paid cards that fall outside of provincial jurisdiction, such as telephone cards and cards with credit card branding. Cards for services that are not expected to be available indefinitely, such as a haircut, are also exempt.

The changes will be easi-

er to make for some retailers, such as the Book Warehouse on Homer Street, as that company dropped expiry dates more than a year ago.

According to van Dongen, businesses that do not comply will face penalties, but he did not specify what they would be.

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Homelessness Vision's focus

Robertson launches civic campaign

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Mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson said that fighting homelessness is his party's priority as Vision launched its civic campaign for the Nov. 15 election yesterday.

"There is no doubt that everyone wants to deal with homelessness in Van-

couver," Robertson told a crowd at the Chinese Cultural Centre.

"We know we have to tell a different story in 2010 when the world comes. The city cannot look like it does today."

Robertson criticized the platform released by rival Non-Partisan Association last Thursday. It focused on crime reduction and af-

fordable housing, but Robertson accused Coun. Peter Ladner of wavering on priorities and not taking leadership.

Robertson said Ladner agreed homelessness is the top priority in earlier debates, but last week changed his focus to crime.

"I assume it has more to do with political manoeuvres than it does with believing what needs to be done," Robertson said.

He added providing more shelter space to people on the streets is the solution and does not support "tent cities," viewing them as a dangerous alternative.

The Vision platform also addresses affordable housing, crime, drug addiction and climate change.

"(In 2010) the city cannot look like it does today."

Gregor Robertson

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINT

A couple has filed a complaint with the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal against the Abbotsford

School Board for withdrawing a social justice course that studied sexual orientation, gender identity, homophobia,

and heterosexism. Murray and Peter Corren say more than 90 students had registered for the course, which was withdrawn

when some parents complained it was contrary to their religious beliefs.

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3 of 5 guilty in abduction case

Three men have been convicted in the 2006 abduction of University of B.C. student Graham McMynn. Two other men were acquitted.

In April 2006, McMynn was abducted at gunpoint as he drove with his girlfriend in Southlands. He was held for eight days before being rescued by police at a house in Surrey.

In a judgment Friday, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Arne Silverman found Jose Hernandez and Anh The Nguyen guilty on counts of kidnapping and unlawful confinement.

Sam Vu was found guilty of unlawful confinement,

but was acquitted of kidnapping.

Joshua Poncappo and Van Vu were found not guilty on both charges. Silverman said

he suspected Poncappo was "probably guilty" but was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt.

Following the judgment, Robert McMynn, the victim's father, said he felt all five men were involved, not just the three convicted, CBC News reported.

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Graham McMynn

Victoria cops take down tents

BYLAW Police dismantled a tent city in a Victoria park three days after a judge ruled that preventing homeless people from camping in parks violates their right to seek shelter.

Five people were arrested on Friday when some campers refused to take down their tents in Beacon

Hill Park.

Police were enforcing a bylaw, introduced on Tuesday, that allows tent communities in city parks overnight but requires they be dismantled during the day. Homeless advocates in Vancouver want the right to camp on parks here.

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Angels' bunker burns

A fire gutted a Hells Angels bunker Saturday in Sorel-Tracy, about 90 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Witnesses reported that a vehicle rammed into the bunker, a two-storey garage-style building, just before the blaze began. Police confirmed a truck was found in the wreckage. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada



Legendary bodybuilder dies

Ben Weider, credited by some with discovering a young Arnold Schwarzenegger, died at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital on Friday at the age of 85. Weider was born in Montreal and spent 60 years in bodybuilding. He was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 1975 and promoted to officer within the order in 2007. Funeral services will be held today. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**



Haiti's President Rene Preval, left, meets with Prime Minister Stephen Harper at the Francophonie Summit yesterday.

Harper pledges to help poor countries with climate change

ENVIRONMENT Despite criticism that his government hasn't done enough to deal with climate change here in Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday announced \$100 million to help poor countries deal with the pressing environmental issue.

The money will be distributed this fiscal year primarily through international development organizations, Harper announced during the closing press conference of the summit of la Francophonie, held in Quebec City.

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Time must match crime

Victims, families let down when punishment doesn't fit offence

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When police arrested the two people who killed Sandra Martins-Toner's 16-year-old son, she said she thought justice was finally going to be served.

But when one of the accused was granted bail for \$5,000, she said she felt like she'd been victimized all over again.

"It was like someone had ripped the carpet out from under my feet," Martins-Toner said. "My little boy's life wasn't worth \$5,000."

Martins-Toner isn't the only family member of a victim who's been left disillusioned by the justice system.

Gord Penner, whose son Jesse was stabbed to death

Families disillusioned by justice system



The parents of murdered Victoria teenager Reena Virk said they've given up on the criminal justice system after her accused killer successfully appealed her second guilty sentence. Kelly Ellard could face a fourth trial.



Nina Rivet called the sentence given to the two street racers who killed her sister Irene Thorpe in Vancouver in 2000 a "slap on the wrist." They were given two-year conditional sentences to be served at home.



Ji Won Park's family was outraged when the man who strangled her in Stanley Park in 2002, leaving her severely disabled, was released in January. Robert Gary Wallin served two-thirds of a seven-year sentence.



Tammy Murray's family wants the B.C. Supreme Court to stop a deal reducing the charges against Aaron Hickey to manslaughter from second-degree murder. Hickey allegedly stabbed Murray 60 times in Burnaby in 2007.

in 2006, said the word "justice" should be taken out of "justice system."

Jesse's killer pleaded guilty to manslaughter and received a six-year sentence. It was the 16-year-old's 11th conviction.

Varinder Badh, a criminology instructor at Lan-

gara College, said the system lets victims down "when the sentencing isn't reflective of the crime."

"The courts are given very little guidance by the criminal code when it comes to selecting a sentence," said David MacAlister, a criminologist at Si-

mon Fraser University.

Judges take into account case law and mitigating factors, such as prior convictions or the offender's character.

But at the end of the day, MacAlister said, sentencing is at the discretion of each judge.

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Thoughts to make you think

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Anne Hines



Today, I'd like to share some wise words by other writers. I do this in hope that it will broaden our horizons. Introduce us to new ways of seeing the world. And get me out of having to come up with any material of my own.

Here are, "Thoughts That Just Make You Think."

1. From James Fitz-James Stephen who is most famous for reputedly having said, "Two million names in the universe and my

parents had to use the same one twice."

He also said, "Originality does not consist of saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you yourself think." I wish I'd said that.

I want to be special, just the same as everyone else. Individuality is prized in our world. Unless it means dressing or acting different than other people.

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room. Something like that.

2. A deeply insightful quote from Henry David Thoreau. "Let us spend one day in peace, not upset and overwhelmed in the rapid whirlpool of life. If the engine whistles, let it

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room.

whistle. If the bell rings, why should we run?" This is so true. Really, who isn't able if they choose to take a few moments and step outside the busyness of life, allowing our minds to simply... hold on, my cell phone's ringing, I should just answer this...

3. From Lady Astor. "I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do. But now that I am older, I find I don't

want to do them anyway." I never know if I find this comforting or depressing.

4. Marie Osmond. Seriously. She said, "If you're going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now."

These are wise and helpful words to remember if you're, say, prone to being anxious or taking life too seriously or perhaps if you're, I don't know, let's say my partner, Liz, whose brand new Italian leather jacket I accidentally got ink on yesterday.

All words to live by. Or at least to puzzle over. Which is likely the best we can do. You can quote me on that.

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Big money for rare Bacon portrait

An unfinished portrait of Francis Bacon by Lucian Freud, one of only two he ever painted of his friend and the only one whose whereabouts is known, sold for 5.4 million British pounds in London, England yesterday. **REUTERS**

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World



Livni needs more time

Tzipi Livni is expected to boost her efforts to become Israel's prime minister, after the expiry today of a 28-day period to form her administration. She is likely to meet with President Shimon Peres to ask him for a two-week extension, a spokesperson said. **REUTERS**

Iraqi leaders hesitant to support U.S. troop pact

SECURITY A pact that would allow U.S. troops to stay in Iraq for three years failed to secure the support of Iraqi political leaders yesterday, raising doubts about whether it can survive without new negotiations.

The Iraqi government took pains to say the pact was not yet dead.

But the lack of an endorsement from a body known as the political council for security — which groups parliamen-

tary faction leaders together — makes its future far from certain.

"They just finished the meeting and they did not take a decision on the pact because some groups had reservations," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told Reuters.

The leaders were "still hesitant to approve or reject" the deal, he said, adding that only the main Kurdish groups supported the pact without reservations. **REUTERS**



A supporter of U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama holds a fake bill with Obama's face at a campaign rally in Fayetteville, N.C., yesterday.

Powell backs Obama

Democrat Barack Obama won the support of former Republican secretary of state Colin Powell yesterday, and announced he raised a record \$150 million last month, dealing a double blow to rival John McCain's presidential campaign.

Powell, who served several Republican presidents, including Bush as his first

"I think he is a transformational figure."

Former U.S. secretary of state Colin Powell

secretary of state, said either candidate would make a good president but he was critical of McCain's uncertainty on how to deal with the economic crisis.

Previously mentioned as possibly the first black U.S.

president, Powell told NBC's Meet the Press he backed Obama. "I think he is a transformational figure," Powell said. "His is a new generation coming ... onto the world stage, American stage." **REUTERS**

France vows to toughen laws on spy firms

SURVEILLANCE France will strengthen its laws on private spying firms after the head of a company marketing Taser stun guns in France was suspected of mounting illegal surveillance of a Trotskyist politician critical of the weapons.

Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie told the Journal du Dimanche newspaper yesterday she wanted to clean up the private surveillance sector after the case, which saw 10 people taken into custody last week.

"I want private commercial intelligence companies to be subject to a system of authorization and approvals comparable to those which already exist for private research firms," she said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CRIME The Vatican has defended Pope Benedict's decision to avoid direct condemnation of organized crime during a trip to an area infested by the Camorra, one of its most ruthless manifestations.

TERRORISM A suicide car bomber struck international troops in Afghanistan, wounding five soldiers, officials said.

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WE humans sometimes forget that we are animals. We're mammals, and like all mammals, and indeed all animals, we are connected to and dependent on the web of life. When part of that web is in danger, we are all in danger. And our mammal

cousins are in danger. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, one quarter of the world's 5,487 known mammalian species face extinction in 30 years if we don't act now to protect them.

The causes of this biological crisis include habitat loss and damage, introduction of invasive species, pollution, harvesting, and climate change. Because many mammals are large (elephants, hippos, rhinos), exhibit extraordinary intelligence (chimps and gorillas), or have a ferocious nature (lions, tigers, and bears), we have often assumed that they are somewhat resilient to human impacts. This couldn't be

further from the truth. Scientists now believe that the biology of many mammals contributes to

their vulnerability. For example, polar bears and grizzlies are particularly susceptible to decline because they require a lot of food for energy, they are large, and they reproduce infrequently.

There is some good news, though. The IUCN assessment showed that "concerted conservation efforts" can bring mammals back from the brink. For example, by reintroducing the black-footed ferret into eight western U.S. states and Mexico, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managed to move the animal from the list of animals that were extinct in the wild to the endangered list.

But who cares about the black-footed ferret, or the

wild horse, or the elephant? As the top predator on the planet, our survival and well-being depend on the health and well-being of all life that supports us.

Even if we look just at the short term, we see that it's in our best interest to protect our fellow animals. As Dr. Jane Smart, head of the IUCN's species program, points out: "The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to prevent future extinctions. We now know what species are threatened, what the threats are and where — we have no more excuses to watch from the sidelines."

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Caribou is forest's canary in coalmine

Eco-Minded



Kai Chan with Jennifer Karmona

f logging and recreation activities were proceeding at such a rate that entire ecosystems were imperiled,

would you want to see changes to human actions?

Like the canary in the coalmine — whose health is indicative of health for others — the

mountain caribou's health is indicative of the health of the inland temperate rainforest of southeastern B.C. Because it feeds on lichen that grows on old trees, the mountain caribou needs large expanses of old-growth forest for its survival.

The caribou has been extinguished throughout much of its range; there are fewer than 2,000 left. Its dramatic decline over the past several decades is due

to logging, recreation and other human activities. Does this spell doom for the last inland temperate rainforests?

Every species is unique, but the viability of some species has more significance than others. As an indicator of this globally significant ecosystem's overall health, the mountain caribou's fate should concern us deeply.

Last year the province took steps toward improv-

ing the prospects for the mountain caribou (and B.C.'s inland temperate rainforest). A conservation plan was released that calls for increased habi-

tat protection and better management of recreation activities. The key now is to ensure that the plan is well implemented to protect caribou and the ecosystem so that this is not the mountain caribou's swan song.

Kai Chan is an assistant professor and Canada Research Chair at the Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability (IRES) at UBC. Jennifer Karmona is a graduate of the resources management and environmental studies program at UBC.

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'Trim trash,' message in Waste Reduction Week

Canadians are saying it's time to clean up our act.

From Oct. 19-25, communities across the country will participate in Waste Reduction Week, an educational campaign devoted to raising awareness about how much garbage Canada produces and how much progress Canadians have made. Events from Vancouver to St. John's will highlight the importance of recycling and ways to curb what we leave at the curb. Oscar the Grouch, Sesame Street's resident trash col-

lector, will play the role of spokesmuppet for the 8th annual campaign, doing two public service announcements and appearances in which he'll explain how to reduce, reuse and recycle. It's an issue



Canadians need to brush up on, says Jo-Anne St. Godard, executive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario.

She says Canadians are one of the biggest waste generators in the developed world, and we're not paying enough attention to how much ends up in our landfills.

There are easy ways to trim your trash outtake as well, notes St. Godard.

Bring a reusable coffee mug to your local java joint instead of taking it in a paper cup, participate in your municipalities' recycling program, and don't use as many plastic bags.

Manufacturers and companies are some of the most notorious culprits, she adds, saying that they can offset the amount of garbage saved through a collective effort. For more information, visit <http://www.wrcanada.com/index.htm>.

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Dutch state injects 108 euro into ING

ING became the latest European bank to seek government funding yesterday, agreeing to a 10 billion euro cash injection as well as scrapping executive bonuses and its year-end dividend. Dutch feds have set aside 20 billion euros for financial institutions. **REUTERS**

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Business



French defend IMF chief

French officials publicly backed International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who is facing an investigation into whether he abused his position in an affair with subordinate Pirooska Nagy, a former senior economist at the IMF's Africa division. A government spokesman said of Strauss-Kahn: All "through this crisis he was on top of things." **REUTERS**

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More rescue plans

World leaders plan crisis summits, banks seek help

South Korea joined efforts yesterday to shore up banks and markets pummeled by the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression which world leaders said called for a co-ordinated global response.

Seoul pledged \$130 billion US in state guarantees and capital injections hours after U.S. and European leaders said they planned to hold a series of global summits to try to form an action plan.

The crisis has raised fears in the West that many countries could enter recession this year and next, but for China, one country certain it will survive the financial meltdown, the criticism was clear — it was the West's fault.

The official Xinhua news agency blamed U.S. consumers for fuelling the crisis with reckless spending, saying in an opinion piece

from New York: "Many people think that you cannot de-link the consumer concept of 'eating the corn while it is still on the stalk' and this financial crisis which has a deep impact."

"Everyone's priority at this stage is the restoration of trust in international financial markets."

George Provopoulos

The crisis has spread across the world, forcing governments to dig deep to support banks unwilling to lend for fear of losing money. Countries such as Iceland, Ukraine and Pakistan have asked for aid to prop up their economies.

In the Middle East, a newspaper said the United Arab Emirates would inject 70 billion dirhams (\$19.06 billion US) into long-term

bank deposits, and Oman's Chamber of Commerce and Industry called for a cash injection into banks for financing.

U.S. President George W. Bush said on Saturday he would host the first crisis summit, shortly after the Nov. 4 U.S. elections, that would focus on "principles of reform" needed to fix the financial system.

"Later summits would be designed to implement agreement on specific steps," the statement said, adding that other world leaders would be contacted beginning next week.

European Central Bank Governing Council member George Provopoulos said the measures would gradually ease pressure.

"Everyone's priority at this stage is the restoration of trust in international financial markets," he told Greece's To Vima newspaper. **REUTERS**

P.E.I. plans wind energy project

ENERGY Prince Edward Island intends to triple the amount of wind energy it produces over the next five years.

Under the plan, the province would build a framework to encourage the private-sector to build another 350 megawatts of capacity on top of the current 150 megawatts. Most of that power would be earmarked for export.

The Island would increase the amount of wind energy used locally from 50 to 100 megawatts, which would be 30 per cent of electricity used in the province.

The plan would lead to 850 construction jobs. Royalties from the planned licensing wind energy production system are estimated at \$8 million a year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

OPEC will 'likely' cut production: President

OIL OPEC oil producers may cut oil supplies in two rounds, one when they meet next week in Vienna and a second later on, to drain oil supply surplus off markets and firm up prices, the group president said yesterday.

"It is not clear that we will take the decision to reduce supplies by two million barrels per day but it (is) very likely that we will take a reduction decision this time and another decision later on to ensure prices stability," Chakib Khelil told Algerian state television.

The comments come before the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries holds an emergency meeting on Oct. 24 in Vienna to discuss the

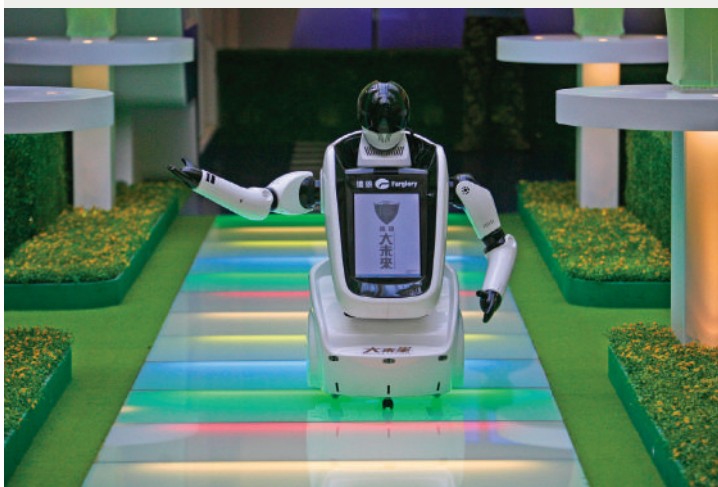
impact of economic weakness on oil markets.

Pressure is mounting within OPEC to reduce supplies as oil prices have fallen more than 50 per cent from July's record of \$147.27 US and expectations have grown that a global recession will erode fuel demand.

"I think firstly there is a consensus over the meeting among OPEC members, then an urgency for all members. So, there is no doubt that all members agree that oil inventories are very high and supply is higher than demand by around two million barrels per day," said Khelil.

He said OPEC could hold a meeting ahead of its planned gathering in Algeria on Dec. 17. **REUTERS**

Robots Science fiction no more



The MSI produced robot named Rich demonstrates giving a tour walking down a garden trail in the Grand Hills apartment showroom of the Far Glory property company in Linkou, Taiwan, over the weekend. Robotic devices have increasingly come to life in recent years, with innovative firms in Asia, Europe and the United States rolling out sophisticated robots to do everything from patrolling shopping malls, to cutting grass on golf courses and even mimicking pets. **REUTERS/ICM**

No resources to probe white collar crimes: FBI

INVESTIGATION The FBI, after years spent focusing on national security, is struggling to find agents and resources to investigate wrongdoing tied to the country's economic crisis, The New York Times reported yesterday.

Citing current and former FBI officials, the Times said cutbacks in its criminal investigative workforce, due to a shifting focus to terrorism and intelligence following the Sept. 11 attacks, left the FBI weaker in areas like white collar crime.

More than 1,800 agents, or nearly one-third of all those in criminal programs, moved into those areas, the Times said.

FBI officials had warned of a looming mortgage threat since 2004. **REUTERS**

Caisse d'Epargne execs resign

BANKS The chairman, chief executive and finance head of Groupe Caisse d'Epargne resigned yesterday, following a 600 million euro trading loss at the French mutual bank. Chairman Charles Mil-

haud, chief executive Nicolas Merindol and finance head Julien Carmona all resigned from their posts after a small group of Caisse d'Epargne traders made a disastrous bet on the stock markets. **REUTERS**

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LAWSUIT The Carlyle Group is suing Russian steelmaker NLMK to force it to complete a \$3.5 billion US deal to buy U.S. tubular steel maker John Manneely Co., one of Russia's biggest merger deals this year. Both sides said that the deal was not closed. A unit of Car-

lyle filed suit against NLMK demanding NLMK complete the deal and pay damages for backing out of the deal. Carlyle's unit said NLMK representatives stated that "changed financial market conditions warranted a reduction in the purchase price or a sig-

nificant restructuring of the merger transaction," while NLMK said "there have been some disagreements concerning the rights and obligations of the parties under the merger agreement, and at this time, NLMK has not closed the transaction." **REUTERS**

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Rising loan defaults, slowing business and higher financing costs are likely to hurt Spanish bank income and lead to restructuring, bank leaders said on Saturday, due to bad debt, low credit growth and high risk, but noted that deposits are safe. **REUTERS**

China unveils broad rural revitalization plan

China unveiled a broad policy document yesterday to revitalize its rural areas which have lagged behind the rest of the nation's economic boom, promising to boost agricultural production

and farmers' incomes.

Central to the scheme will be allowing farmers to transfer their land-use rights, the official Xinhua news agency said.

China's rural citizens, who number more than

730 million according to a 2006 census, own the product of their land but not the land itself, and are currently barred from trading their land-use rights.

"The new measures adopted are seen by econo-

mists as a major breakthrough in land reforms initiated by late leader Deng Xiaoping 30 years ago to avail farmers of opportunities to conduct scale management and new business operations,"

Xinhua said.

Under Deng's reforms, huge communes were disbanded and farmers allowed to sell some of their produce on the open market, rather than being forced to sell it to the state.

The present system has been rife with abuse. Local governments have seized plots to sell to factories and property developers, often paying only minimal compensation to farmers. **REUTERS**

'Buy now,' Buffett says

STOCKS Warren Buffett tried to persuade demoralized investors the U.S. stock market is not falling off a cliff. Not everyone was immediately convinced.

The second-richest American and perhaps the world's most revered investor, says he is buying U.S. stocks for his personal account.

"A simple rule dictates my buying: Be fearful when others are greedy and be greedy when others are fearful," Buffett, 78, said in an opinion piece published Friday in The New York Times. "Most certainly, fear is now widespread."

As usual, he did not identify the stocks he is buying.

The piece — titled "Buy American. I Am" — called for confidence in U.S. business, something in short supply after the credit crisis

spiralized into something resembling a market crash. Buffett has been relatively unscathed by the turmoil.

His buying excludes his stake in his insurance and investment company Berkshire Hathaway Inc., which constitutes the bulk of his estimated \$50 billion US net worth.

In better times, such a clarion call from Buffett might spark a big stock market rally. Yet stocks ended lower on Friday, after fresh economic data elevated worries about a potentially deep recession.

Buffett said he is not calling a market bottom. He may have company, including prominent investors such as GMO's Jeremy Grantham and BlackRock Inc.'s Bob Doll who are betting equities have fallen below their intrinsic values. **REUTERS**

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Big profits, soft yen lift Nikkei

JAPAN The Nikkei average rose 0.5 per cent during this morning's session, buoyed by Panasonic after a report that the electronics maker was likely to beat its profit forecast, while a softer yen helped recently battered shares of exporters.

The Nikkei average added 45.88 points to finish the morning session at 8,739.70, after ending the previous week up 5 per cent. The broader Topix climbed 0.8 per cent to 901.38.

Shares of Nippon Steel Corp. and JFE Holdings Inc. shot up after the Nikkei business daily said Japan's top two steelmakers were likely to raise their annual profit forecasts due to lower costs and price hikes.

"The firm dollar is leading investors to pick up cyclical stocks that were sold off last week," said Takahiko Murai, general manager of equities at Nozomi Securities.

"But the gains probably won't last. The deterioration of the real economy is happening much faster than expected. We need comprehensive counter-measures, rather than just those only for the financial system."

The dollar was trading around 101.65 yen by mid-morning local time. Investors welcome a softer yen as it helps boost exporters' overseas profits when they are brought back home. **REUTERS**

Homebuilders in for big changes after record fall

HOUSING September's plunge in U.S. home construction heralds not only a near-term consolidation of the industry, but also changes such as greater consolidation, companies exiting the market, and staff cuts.

Single-family home starts in the Midwest, Northeast and West were at their lowest paces since records started being kept in 1959, according to government data. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

SPENDING Consumer confidence took a nosedive this month, especially in Ontario, amid continuing economic uncertainty, sparking fears that shoppers are already reining in their spending. Consumer confidence plunged to levels last seen in the 1982 recession, with levels in Ontario posting a record-smashing one-month de-

cline, the Conference Board of Canada said yesterday. The findings suggest consumers are becoming especially leery about making big-ticket purchases such as appliances, cars and homes ahead of the all-important Christmas shopping season, which one analyst predicts could be the worst in 20 years.

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INVESTMENT U.K. insurer Prudential is in advanced talks with two strategic investors to take a 20 per cent stake in the company, reported the Sunday Times. The funds raised would help mount an 8.6 billion pound (\$14.93 billion US) bid for the Asian business of American International Group, the insurance giant bailed out by the U.S. tax-

payer. Prudential is negotiating with investment funds in the Middle East and China. The investors could pump at least 1.2 billion pounds into the British company and would be offered board representation in return. Prudential's chief executive held talks with AIG last week over the purchase, according to the report. **REUTERS**

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Student organizations expressed frustration over the difference in tuition rates across Canada, as highlighted in a new Statistics Canada report. Both CASA and the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance worry the 3.6 per cent jump in tuition would pose a threat to students who already have trouble affording the fees. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Market woes

Scholarships, student aid, and research funding at the University of Ottawa could be reduced if North American stock markets continue to fall, affecting the school's endowment fund. UOttawa expects to have at least a 10 per cent loss this year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Cirque du pizza pie

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Five years ago, Juan Hermosillo, a cook in a California restaurant, saw a fellow employee spinning pizza dough, doing fancy moves and making it dance through the air. "I'd never seen anything like that," recalls Hermosillo, who had gotten into the restaurant business to make enough money for vet school.

When his boss opened up a new restaurant, Hermosillo talked him into letting him make pizzas — he had to be convinced, as Hermosillo was a pretty good cook and was needed in the regular kitchen.

At the new job, Hermosillo started practising his spins. At first, he was rotten at it, and frequently burned himself on the nearby oven and dropped the dough, ruining it. His co-workers were often annoyed. Keeping in mind the acrobatics moves of Cirque du Soleil performers and great jugglers, he forged on with extra practising at home with a wet towel.

Eventually, he mastered the basics. Customers started watching him

and his managers suddenly had only praise. "Everything just changed once I got good at it," he says. His boss suggested he go out for a pizza spinning competition he'd seen advertised in a trade magazine. Hermosillo got second place — just seven months after starting to spin.

He kept attending competitions. In 2004, he beat the reigning world champion. In 2006, he competed with the U.S. team at the World Pizza Championships in Italy and came in fourth.

Not only does Hermosillo make the dough do gravity-defying spins, but he incorporates juggling (using two pieces of dough at once), breakdancing and acrobatics into his routines.

Eventually, he left his job

The Lowdown

Job title: Pizza Spinner
Salary: \$40,000 and up
Education/training: Making pizza in a restaurant and practising spinning whenever you can
Best Part of the Job: "I really love it when people cheer me on. I come from a humble place, I was born in Mexico City, and I'm always amazing when people ask for my autograph."
Worst Part of the Job: "When you come home after a competition, you feel pain everywhere."

and made his living spinning pizzas in competitions and as a performer. He ended up living and working in Montreal and in 2007 got hired by Pizza Piz in Toronto, where he now works as a spokesperson, performer and trainer.

To stay in shape and keep his spinning skills sharp, Hermosillo practises for as many as five hours a day — usually using rubber pizza dough — particularly when he's developing a new move, which can take months to perfect. He sometimes uses a personal trainer to help with gymnastic-like moves, like backflips.

Now 28, Hermosillo no longer thinks about vet school. Spinning pizza, making pizza (his family's restaurant in California features a Mexican-style steak pizza he invented that's very popular) and promoting spinning is a career he thinks he'd like to stick with for awhile. "It's funny how far I've come with spinning pizza dough."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



Juan Hermosillo
demonstrates his pizza-spinning moves.

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Look to your future to avoid student burnout

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Canada



Sometimes the perfect antidote to student burnout is as simple as hitting the fast forward button instead of slamming on the pause.

According to Vancouver-based life coach Julia James, when deadlines, parties and night shifts seem like insurmountable obstacles, imagining yourself five years into the future is a good place to look for inspiration.

"What would be the wisdom that you can offer to yourself from the distance of already having succeeded?" James asked.

And while you're there, write yourself a post-dated letter. A "letter of success," James called it.

Visualizing that you've achieved your goals, tell yourself what you did to



"I don't believe we have to do it all by ourselves. I think it's important to reach out when you need help."

Life coach Julia James

get there.

"They're really powerful and it really, really helps to shift perspective and empower (you)," James said.

The most common prescription James said she writes for her clients is permission to make time for themselves.

"It sounds very simple," she said. "But it is the hardest thing to do."

If you don't have much time, even five minutes listening to a favourite song and dancing around is a start.

"Enjoy the time for purely what it is," James said.

"Witness what's hap-

pening to you in that moment and let the worries and thoughts about school just go for that moment."

And if that's still not doing the trick, look to others for support.

"I don't believe we have to do it all by ourselves," James said. "I think it's important to reach out when you need help."

James pointed to counselling services at schools as an important resource in helping to manage stress.

"I think in our society it's often seen as a weakness," James said.

"I believe it's a huge strength and it actually

Sound advice

School, life and work may be filling up your schedule, but don't forget to keep tabs on your finances too. Here are some tips for students from Chris Gresat, a financial adviser with CIBC:

- Be careful with credit card debt. Pay off your balance every month.
- Start a savings plan.
- Do your homework on service fees and bank accounts.
- Set goals. Budget.
- Buy used textbooks. And when you're done, sell them.
- Get a part-time job. The busier you are, the more organized you'll have to be, and the better grades you'll get.

speaks to a person's courage to take that step and reach out for support."

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Maternity leave 'non-existent' for owners

Tricia Mumby, 35, one of four co-owners of Mabel's Labels (mabel.ca), fit her maternity leave into exactly 10 days — the time between when she gave birth and when one of her other co-partners did. "I got the call she had her baby and my mat leave was over!"

Welcome to the world of the "non-existent" maternity leave for small business owners, who aren't eligible for benefits themselves — and can't often take leave, since they can neither afford to be without their own salary or let the business slide — but who are obliged to work around staff leaves and keep their jobs open for their return, no matter how key those positions are to the company's success.

Lee-Anne Arkell, founder of Peekaboo Child Care

Centres (peekabookid.com), which has 17 owner-operated and franchised facilities in southern Ontario, knows the challenges of losing staff to maternity leave. Arkell, who founded the operation in 1999, now employs more than 500 people, 90 per cent of whom are under 30, and all but five who are female.

Arkell, who had her second child after she founded the company — "I had her on a Saturday and went back to work on the Tuesday" — says she's feeling the stress of maternity leaves mostly in her management team.

"Knowing in the future we would have managers on leave, and knowing it would only get worse," says Arkell, the company created assistant supervisor positions at every centre. "We do a lot of training



Small business owners aren't eligible for maternity leave benefits, so they return to work almost immediately after giving birth.

so they're ready to take over for the year while my supervisors are on mat leave."

And because so many staff aren't ready to come back after one year, Peekaboo will hold their jobs for a second year, to encour-

age them to come back when they're ready, rather than to go somewhere else down the road. Otherwise, all the "work you've put in to training staff is gone," says Arkell.

That said, small business owners could benefit from

government programming to assist in staff training, she says. "There's nothing to help people get training for management staff."

Government assistance for small businesses whose staff are on maternity, sick, or elder care leave is something the Canadian Federation of Independent Business has been demanding for years, says president Catherine Swift.

"Everyone supports people being able to take care of their babies, but can't you give some relief somewhere else?" she says she's asked Ottawa.

"Help them bring someone else in for a year, or give them a holiday on paying Employment Insurance premiums. Show an olive branch," she's urged. "So far, there's been nothing, of course."

The biggest challenge

small businesses have around maternity leave, she says, is that they have fewer staff to fill in when others are on leave.

"Increasingly, women own businesses," Swift says (in fact, five out of six new businesses are started by women), but aren't eligible for any income replacement for any time they can manage to take off.

Mumby gets support from her partners, Julie Cole, Julie Ellis and Cynthia Esp, who have 11 children between them.

"There's no such thing as a mat leave when it's a small business and you're so involved in management," says Mumby.

"A small business is another baby," she says. "You don't want to miss its first years, any more than your child's." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Two new gigs for Beckham

David Beckham will train with AC Milan beginning in January to stay in shape after the MLS season ends, Italian newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport reported. Beckham wants to remain fit so that he can be called up to play in England's World Cup qualifying matches. It was also announced Sunday that Beckham will serve as the vice president of the bid to bring the 2018 World Cup to England.

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Hawks double up on Canucks

NHL RESULT

Canucks 2 Blackhawks 4



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THE SKINNY: The Patricks proved to be too much for the Canucks. Patrick Kane and Patrick Sharp combined for three goals and three assists as the Blackhawks won in the Windy City.

THE DIFFERENCE: Goaltending. Roberto Luongo wasn't that bad, he just wasn't that good.

THE BLACKOUT: The Canucks were without power on their powerplay, going 0-4 with the man advantage while Chicago scored on two of its



Mason Raymond checks Brent Sopel in last night's loss.

five opportunities. Vancouver's powerplay is an abysmal 2-29 (6.9%) so far this season.

THE M*A*S*H UNIT: Sami Salo played just 40 seconds before leaving with an apparent groin injury. Darcy Hordichuk also did not return after suffering a knee injury, ditto for Pavol Demitra who left after two with a rib injury.

THE RETURN: Kevin Bieksa returned to the lineup after missing three games. He logged a whopping 32:09 of ice time, finishing with four shots, one hit and even for the night.

THE NEXT GAME: Vancouver will try to finish this early six-game road trip at .500 with a win in Columbus tomorrow night.

Wellwood, Nonis deserve some credit

If work ethic were honesty, Kyle Wellwood would probably still be with the Canucks. Wellwood was forthcoming about his demotion to AHL affiliate Manitoba, which had everything to do with conditioning and nothing to do with talent. The much-maligned forward came into camp in unacceptable shape by NHL standards, and admitted that his confidence wavered as a result of his low-level fitness. Fans have been split on this signing since day one and will continue to have one of two opinions. Some give GM Mike Gillis a thumbs up for rolling the dice on a player with indisputable offensive gifts. Others call Wellwood Gillis' version of Marc Chouinard, a \$1.2 million free agent signing trumpeted by former GM Dave Nonis, who cut his losses by buying out the last year on Chouinard's deal. Speaking of Nonis, he is often chas-

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tised for his conservative track record with regards to free agents and trades, but he doesn't often get kudos for some of his contract signings.

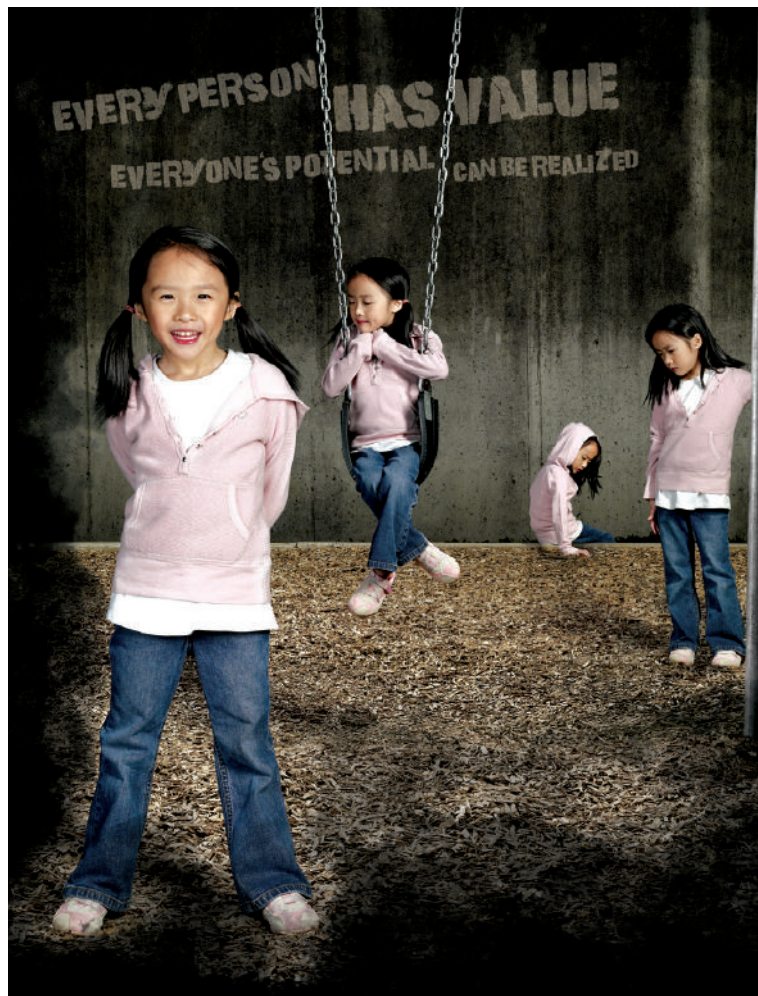
When Nonis matched Philadelphia's one year, \$1.9 million offer sheet for Ryan Kesler just over two years ago, many said he was throwing money away.

That's one of the better bargains in the NHL, as is the deal Nonis signed Alex Burrows to. The numbers that really makes these deals appealing? Kesler and Burrows each have six points in Vancouver's first six games, se-

ond to only Henrik Sedin.

• The Lions' tenth win of the season was important for a number of reasons. First, BC now holds the tie-breaker in the standings with both Saskatchewan and Edmonton, by virtue of a fifteen point win over the Eskimos on Friday night. That means the Lions will host a playoff game if they win their final two contests, no matter what the Eskies or Riders do. But the most crucial part of the Leos' latest victory was the manner in which it came: From behind, on the road. There is no tougher stadium in the CFL to win a road game at than Edmonton's Commonwealth, and Friday's victory proves the Leos can overcome environment and adversity as they head toward the postseason.

Scott Rintoul is a college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. He can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m.



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New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain was arrested early Saturday in Nebraska on suspicion of driving under the influence, speeding and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Chamberlain arrested



The Tampa Bay Rays celebrate after defeating the Boston Red Sox 3-1 in Game 7 of the ALCS last night.

Rays off to World Series

Rays 3 Red Sox 1

Perennial doormats in the American League, the Tampa Bay Rays shed that label this year and are now headed to their first World Series, all while denying the Boston Red Sox a chance to repeat for the title.

Matt Garza was lifted in the eighth inning after throwing 118 pitches, and the Rays got out of a bases-loaded jam later in the frame when they used four relievers to beat Boston, 3-1 last night, and capture the deciding seventh game of

the AL Championship Series. Willy Aybar scored the go-ahead run on Rocco Baldelli's single in the fifth inning, and then homered in the seventh. Evan Longoria doubled in Tampa Bay's other run, as the Rays moved into the World Series to face the Philadelphia Phillies, starting Wednesday night at Tropicana Field.

The Rays became just the third team to advance to the World Series immediately after 10 or more consecutive losing seasons. Prior to this year, the most wins for the Rays, who entered the majors in 1998, was 70.

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Seahawks fail to Buc losing trend

Bucs 20, Seahawks 10

NFL Jeff Garcia threw for 310 yards and one touchdown, as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers bested the struggling Seattle Seahawks, 20-10 in Tampa. Garcia completed 27-of-36 passes and Earnest Graham added a rushing touchdown for Tampa Bay (5-2). Antonio Bryant led all receivers with 115 yards and a score on six grabs.

Seneca Wallace, starting in place of the injured Matt Hasselbeck, connected on 12-of-23 throws for just 73 yards with one touchdown and an interception for the Seahawks (1-5), who have dropped three games in a row. Maurice Morris gained 56 yards on six carries, while Julius Jones ran for 42 yards on seven touches.

RAMS 34, COWBOYS 14

Steven Jackson gashed the Dallas defence for 160 yards and three touchdowns as the St. Louis Rams put a 34-14 whipping on the suddenly reeling Cowboys.

The Cowboys' Brad Johnson started at quarterback for the injured Tony Romo,



The Chicago Bears' Zackary Bowman intercepts a pass intended for the Minnesota Vikings' Aundrae Allison as the Bears' Kevin Payne looks on during the fourth quarter of Chicago's 48-41 win Sunday.

completing 17-of-34 passes for 234 yards with three interceptions for the Cowboys, who have dropped three of four since winning their first three games of the year.

PANTHERS 30, SAINTS 7

Saints RB Reggie Bush injured his left knee on a punt return in the first half of the Saints' 30-7 loss in Carolina and will not travel to London for the Saints game against San Diego in Wembley Stadium next week.

BEARS 48, VIKINGS 41

Kyle Orton completed 21-of-32 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns, and the Bears defence scored two touchdowns, helping Chicago to a 48-41 win over the Minnesota Vikings. The Bears' 48 points marks the first time the team has scored that many since 1986. Elsewhere in the NFL it was: Buffalo 23, San Diego 14; Green Bay 34, Indianapolis 14; New York Giants 29, San Francisco 17; and Oakland 16, New York Jets 13. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Riders' win keeps them on pace with Lions

CFL Wes Cates had a 15-yard TD run midway through the fourth quarter, and Luca Congi kicked a 36-yard field goal in the final minute to give the Saskatchewan Roughriders a 30-29 win over the Tiger-Cats in Regina Sunday. Steven Jyles threw for 149 yards on 12-of-14 passing, with one touchdown and one interception for the Roughriders (10-6), who are tied with British Columbia for second place in the West Division, one game behind Calgary. Jyles was a mid-game replacement under centre for Darian Durant, who was just 7-for-16 for 92 yards and a TD with three picks. Cates ran for 97 yards on 17 carries for Saskatchewan, while Chris Getzlaf caught five passes for 98 yards and one TD. Quinton Porter had an even 300 yards and two scores through the air on 26-of-40 passing for Hamilton (3-13), which is at the bottom of a dreadful East Division, one game below Toronto.

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Foreign films fight for Oscar

Sixty-three countries will be fighting for a Best Foreign Film Oscar next year after Academy Awards bosses closed submissions. Those battling for a place on the nominations shortlist include entries from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Venezuela. **IMDB.COM**

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Entertainment

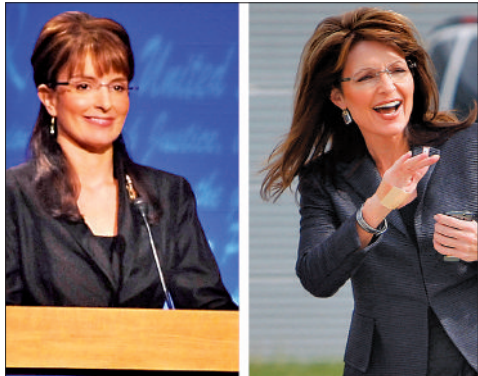
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Palin drops in on SNL

U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin put in a widely anticipated appearance on Saturday Night Live, sharing the stage with a host of top stars, including Mark Wahlberg, Alec Baldwin and, of course, Tina Fey, the former SNL star whose impression of Palin has garnered almost as much attention as the Alaska governor herself.

The TV show opened with a mock press conference in which Palin's spokesman requested that the press "don't write anything down."

Fey then appeared as Palin and tossed off a few remarks skewering the vice-presidential candidate, such as, "I am looking forward to a portion of your questions," a refer-



Tina Fey, left, portrays U.S. Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin, right, on a recent episode of Saturday Night Live.

ence to her occasional practice of answering questions by addressing her own chosen topics.

Asked if her recent re-

marks about patriotic states meant there were any unpatriotic ones, Fey-as-Palin rattled off a list of Democratic-leaning states

such as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and California. Listing swing states such as Ohio, she remarked that they could be either "pro- or anti-American ... It's up to them."

The scene then switched backstage to the real Palin and the show's producer Lorne Michaels, who were accosted by outspoken, left-leaning actor Baldwin, who said, "Hey Tina" before trashing Palin.

The skit played off Fey's remarkable resemblance to Palin and seeming ability to channel her voice and manner, with Baldwin appearing to think he was talking to Fey while insulting Palin repeatedly. Informed by Michaels he was speaking to Palin herself, he quipped, "You are way hotter in person." **REUTERS**

The stupidity of TV

THICK AS A BRICK: MSNBC's website isn't normally the place I go to for sly cultural criticism, but last week it printed a piece celebrating the audacious strains of stupid that make television so compelling. Writer Linda Holmes essentially divides broadcast imbecility into two strains — the stupid necessary to fulfill the demands of delivering drama, laughs or both, and the systemic stupidity needed to make sure most shows are longer than a single, memorable but catastrophic episode. At least one type of dumb must be present, even in really great shows, but it's entirely possible to have both.

In the former camp, there's *Survivor*, which demands that its contestants do exactly the sorts of things you probably wouldn't do if you were really stranded in some re-

Space Odyssey

Brad Pitt is set to star in a new adaptation of Homer's *The Odyssey* — set in outer space. The *Odyssey* follows the story of Odysseus and his return to Ithaca following the end of the Trojan War. **IMDB.COM**



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mote armpit of nature with a bunch of strangers. "First, it counts on people to forget that other people also are attempting to win. Second, it counts on its contestants to take everything far too much to heart."

Then there's the systemic stupidity built into a show's DNA, like the conviction that everyone, from Tyra Banks on down, has to have in the by-now fantastic premise of America's Next Top Model.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

BookPicks

The Bite of The Mango

Author: Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland

Publisher: Annick Press

Price: \$12.50 (Paperback)

TO MOST, a mango is little more than a sweet tropical fruit. To Mariatu Kamara, it was a reminder of life's potential. In *The Bite of The Mango*, journalist Susan McClelland retells Kamara's adolescent brush with death. When she was 12 years old, armed rebels attacked Kamara in her native Sierra Leone. They cut off both her hands with a machete, leaving her to crawl through the terrain where eating a mango fueled Kamara's will to live. The book follows her from Africa to Toronto where, ten years later, she's set to tell her story. **Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada**

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In brief

BOX OFFICE The top three movies over the weekend: 1. May Payne, \$18 million US; 2. Beverly Hills Chihuahua, \$11.2 million; 3. The Secret Life of Bees, \$11.1 million. **REUTERS**

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255	358	9	JOY	ET News	The Insider	Til Death	How I Met	How I Met	Worst Week	(01) Boston Legal (N) (CC)	News (N)	
254	-	9	M	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Mandarin News	Cantonese News (N)	Punjabi News (N)	Punjabi News (N)	Metropolis		
250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Dancing With the Stars (Same-day Tape)	Corner Gas	CSI: Miami "Bombshell" (N)	News (N)			
-	-	9	OMNI	Scrubs (CC)	According-Jim	Stargate SG-1 "The Nox"	One Tree Hill (N) (CC)	The Daily	Perspectives	New Day		
252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Prison Break "The Price" (N)	Heroes "Dying of the Light"	My Own Worst Enemy (N)	News (N)			
256	389	12	VI	Robson Arms	TMZ (N) (CC)	Sarah Connor Chronicles	Two/Half Men "Samantha"	(01) The Mentalist (N) (CC)	News (CC)			
253	359	9	CITY	Law & Order: SVU	Chuck (N) (CC)	Chuck (N) (CC)	Celebrity Fit Club (CC)	Curb-Enthsm	Less-Kim	EP Daily		
-	-	12	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)	One Tree Hill (N) (CC)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)		
289	381	9	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men "Worst Week"	CSI: Miami "Bombshell" (N)	News (N)		
287	379	9	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Chuck (N) (CC)	Heroes "Dying of the Light"	My Own Worst Enemy (N)	News (N)			
602	568	9	W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	How Clean	House	Real Est	Kim	House		
288	380	10	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars (Same-day Tape)	Samantha	(01) Boston Legal (N) (CC)	News (N)			
-	-	10	KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Postcards From the Edge *** (1990) Meryl Streep	King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)			
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290	382	9	FOX	American Experience: LBJ	Keeping Up	Being Served	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	Antiques Roadshow (CC)	Family Guy			
-	364	9	PBS	American Experience: LBJ	Punk'd (CC)	Patriots 5th Quarter	Half & Half	The Insider	Entertainment	Bring Wall St		
296	654	9	SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)	One Tree Hill (N) (CC)	KTVA Prime News (CC)	Friends (CC)			
298	653	9	TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)	One Tree Hill (N) (CC)	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	My Wife-Kids		
295	651	9	WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Sex and-Grace	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Odd Couple		
297	652	9	WPX	CW11 News at Ten	Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	According-Jim	Frasier (CC)			
199	311	9	STR	News (N)	News	Late Show-Letterman	(C37) The Unit	Freeheld	Late Late Show			
502	390	23	NW	Freeheld	CBC News: The National (N)	CBC News: The National	Freeheld	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Cooper 360			
500	500	9	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Hockey	Simply	Best Damn Sports Show	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet			
407	419	9	RSP	Air Racing	NFL Football: Broncos at Patriots	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)	UEFA Weekly	E-60 (N) (CC)	SportsCentre			
400	400	9	TSN	NFL Football: Broncos at Patriots	Pilot Guides (CC)	Don't Forget Your Passport	WWF Monday Night Raw (CC)	Mantracker "Dustin and Ian"	Departures			
411	457	9	OLN	Departures (CC)	(15) Score Tonight	WWF Monday Night Raw (CC)	This Week in NASCAR	Big Shots: Titans at the Tee	Auctions			
410	403	9	SCR	WWE Monday Night Raw	Pinks	Pass Time	2010 Report	Paid Program	Kings Club	Go! TV News		
417	406	9	SC	Barrett-Jackson	Go! TV News	Fresh Prince	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.			
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557	541	9	FAM	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Beren. Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory In House	Zack & Cody
553	546	9	TRE	Big Comedy	Rolie Polie	Beren. Cody	Natural-Sadie	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
268	354	9	KNO	Life in Cold Blood	Hockey: A People's History	Gone Country	Gone Country	Ju Ming Taiwanese sculptor.	The Boy Inside (CC)	Haide Art		
575	583	9	CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith		
570	580	9	MM	MuchTopTens (N) (CC)	MuchVibe (CC)	So You Think You Can Dance	Canada Top 18. (CC)	Property	Marriage	Income Prop.	My First Place	Home to Stay
560	564	9	H&G	Income Prop.	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)	Intervention "John" (CC)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Intervention (CC)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Little World	
515	520	9	A&E	Jose Canseco: Last Shot (N)	Intervention After	Intervention After	Intervention "John" (CC)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Intervention (CC)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Little World	
628	584	9	SPKE	(6:00) Star Wars IV: A New Hope	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Earl	Name Is Earl	The Office	
521	560	9	TLG	17 Kids-Count	17 Kids-Count	Law & Order "DWB" (CC)	Without a Trace "Hard Reset"	Till Human Voices Wake Us ** (2002) (CC)				
616	522	9	SHO	Love-Death	Love-Death	Til Debt-Part	Newlywed	Project Runway	Trading Sp	MythBusters		
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627	528	9	SPC	Eureka (N) (CC)	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Out of Time ** (2003) (PA) Denzel Washington. (CC)	Planet Soap	Reality	Final 24 (CC)		
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619	525	9	TROP	TV Made	What	What	Challenge	Sugar showpieces.	Good Eats	Ace of Cakes	Nightmares	
603	561	9	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)	Restaurant Makeover (CC)	Challenge	Sugar showpieces.	Good Eats	Ace of Cakes	Nightmares		
626	547	9	COM	Air Force	Just for Laughs (CC)	Challenge	Sugar showpieces.	Good Eats	Ace of Cakes	Nightmares		
320	621	9	CEN	Stargate Atlantis "Outsiders"	Californication	Little Britain	The Simpsons	South Park	The Cho Show	Simple Life	Daily Show	
581	566	9	MTV	The Hills (N)	After Show	MTV Live	MTV News	Hannibal Rising ** (2007) Gaspard Ulliel, Gong Li. (CC)	License			
261	394	102	V	The Corporation (CC)	Mysterious Ways "Crazy"	Prime Minister	May-Dec.	McLeod's Daughters (CC)	Paid Program			
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Chuck (Zachary Levi) learns more about Sarah's (Yvonne Strahovski) past when they run into her old high-school nemesis Heather Chandler (Nicole Richie). Sarah's teenage insecurities come to the surface, and she tries to avoid Heather at all costs. When Heather's husband, Mark (Ben Savage), turns out to be a key player in an upcoming mission, the agents must attend Sarah's high-school reunion to prevent the sale of potentially dangerous plans. 8 PM on NBC, CITY



The Border

This could be an explosive episode. The premier of Quebec has a nagging feeling someone is after him, so the ICS team investigates someone with a history of planting bombs on behalf of the FLQ. They track their suspect to a small town on the U.S. border. James McGowan and Sofia Milos star in the new episode "Nothing to Declare." 9 PM on CBC



David Duchovny's tennis coach has sparked rumours her friendship with the actor was the cause of his split from wife Tea Leoni. Edit Pakay, 28, has reportedly failed to deny that she was having an affair with the star. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie, Pitt fell in love on set

CONTROVERSY Angelina Jolie has sparked a new scandal after confessing she and Brad Pitt fell in love on the set of action movie Mr. & Mrs. Smith — while the movie hunk was still wed to Jennifer Aniston. **imdb.com** reports.

The couple has always maintained there was no romance on the set of the 2005 film, and the pair just became "very, very good friends," but now Jolie has a different story.

In an interview with the New York Times newspaper, Jolie lets it slip about where she and Pitt fell in love.

Asked when she thinks her children

will be able to watch Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Jolie states, "Not a lot of people get to see a movie where their parents fell in love."

She also tells the Times that she's preparing for a heart-to-heart chat with her eldest son, Maddox, after realizing he's at an age where his curiosity might lead him to Google his parents online.

She explains she worries the seven-year-old will "look up my name and

see some kind of sexy pictures or read a story about himself that isn't true. There's a lot we're going to have to explain to them about how public their family is."

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Dick to wear alcohol monitoring bracelet

PEOPLE Comedic actor Andy Dick will have to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet for a year after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor charges of battery and marijuana possession in a California court on Friday. **imdb.com** reports.

Dick struck a deal, ensuring charges of public intoxication and possession of the painkiller Xanax without a prescription were dropped.

The accusations all stem from the 42-year-old's ar-

rest outside a restaurant in Murrieta, Calif., in July — after he allegedly exposed a 17-year-old girl's breasts.

When police searched the comedian, they found marijuana and Xanax.

Sexual battery charges were dropped back in August.

Speaking outside court, Dick's attorney Jeffery Rubenstein told reporters, "Andy is a great guy. We are considering this matter closed. He's looking forward to putting this matter behind him."

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McGowan to wed director

RUMOUR Actress Rose McGowan has bounced back from rumours she and boyfriend Robert Rodriguez had split by announcing the pair are engaged. McGowan and Rodriguez met on the set of the Grindhouse movie Planet Terror and are the perfect wedding.

imdb.com reports. McGowan has told reporters that she and the cult director are planning to marry in 2009.

"I am engaged," she said, revealing

Rodriguez proposed to her in September after divorcing his first wife Elizabeth.

McGowan and Rodriguez met on the set of the Grindhouse movie Planet Terror and are now reportedly teaming up for remakes of Red Sonja and Barbarella.

McGowan admits she has her perfect wedding in her sights.

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Ritchie 'doing fine,' friend says

BREAKUP Guy Ritchie is "doing fine" since news of his impending divorce with Madonna hit the news, a friend tells People.

"(The divorce) is news to you and everyone else, but for Guy this has been a long time coming," the friend adds. "I

think he's sort of relieved that it's all out there. He doesn't have to fake it anymore."

As for the kids — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, 8, and David, 3 — the friend says, "They're great. They are Guy and Madonna's top priority."

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celebrity briefs

Furtado confirms she tied the knot

MARRIAGE Nelly Furtado's Maneater days are over, **People.com** reports.

In an interview with Entertainment Tonight Canada airing Friday night, the British Columbia-born singer confirmed that she married sound engineer Demacio (Demo) Castellon over the summer.

"We got married July 19," she said. "I love it."

The singer continued, "It's a nice phase of my life."

Furtado, 29, recently sported a new diamond ring in Miami, sparking rumours that she had tied the knot.

"I just feel kind of free and relaxed and more in tune with trying not to be so stressed out," she said.

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Lohan lashes out at the press

PEOPLE Actress Lindsay Lohan has hit out at the press for pursuing her even when she's out clubbing because it makes her feel like a caged animal, female-first.co.uk reports.

Lohan headed out to Washington, D.C., late last week to support her girlfriend, DJ Samantha Ronson, who was playing a set at the venue. But Lohan was unable to fully enjoy herself because of all the unwanted attention from photographers and excited clubgoers clamouring to get a picture of the star.

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Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

You know that TV commercial that features people doing happy dances because they've won, or feel they might win, the lottery? That's what I imagine **Guy Ritchie** is doing right about now. I know I'll miss that, "Please help me, I just wanted to give my directorial career a boost, but now I'm trapped with the waffle-haired cryptkeeper" look he always had in their pictures together, but it's hard to begrudge a guy the taste of freedom from utter insanity.

True, **Guy** probably acquired one more African orphan (if a kid with a living father can be considered an orphan) than he would have liked, and the fact that he had one biological child with **Madge** means he'll have to have some kind of contact with her until one of them dies, but at least he can kiss goodbye to the maddeningly fake accent, the macrobiotic food, the Kaballah-water enemas and the ridiculous wrestling belt.

His estranged wife has already made comments indicating that Ritchie's emotional distance was a problem for her. Duh, he's English. Those guys are light years behind North American males when it comes to being completely emasculated.

There's already speculation on how much money Ritchie will get in the settlement. My position is that he just spent eight years with one of the world's chief causes of human suffering. Whatever he gets, it ain't enough.

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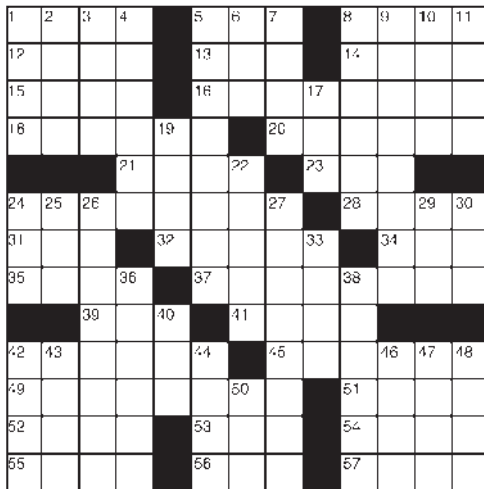
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- 15 Greek war god
- 16 Somewhat sore, as a throat
- 18 Know-it-all, maybe
- 20 Desert waterway
- 21 Bound
- 23 Distant
- 24 Wrote hastily
- 28 Philosopher Immanuel
- 31 Gorilla
- 32 Done in
- 34 Plaything
- 35 Cleanse
- 37 Ice-removing gadgets
- 39 Pitch
- 41 Medal earner
- 42 Illinois city
- 45 Mythological maidens
- 49 Prepare eggs, in a way
- 51 Repast
- 52 "— a Lady"
- 53 Vegas intro
- 54 Therefore
- 55 Throw
- 56 Sullivan and McMahon
- 57 Strong yearning

Crossword down

- 1 Applaud
- 2 Employ
- 3 Secondhand
- 4 Spice blend of Indian cuisine
- 5 Sets up for use
- 6 Last calendar pg.
- 7 Antitoxins
- 8 National Railroad
- 9 Passenger Corporation
- 10 Adorn
- 11 Wan
- 11 BLT topper
- 17 "Bow-wow!"
- 19 Information
- 22 Fuzzy fruit
- 24 Witnessed
- 25 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 26 Makes good as new
- 27 Tragic condition
- 29 Neither mate
- 30 Pennington and Cobb
- 33 — a soul (nobody)
- 36 Bother repeatedly
- 38 Saddle knob
- 40 Edge
- 42 Hushed "Hey, you!"
- 43 Reverberate
- 44 Skilled
- 46 South American land
- 47 Crones
- 48 Coin aperture
- 50 Young fellow

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



8	6	7	3	2	1	4	9	5
3	1	9	4	6	5	8	2	7
4	2	5	9	8	7	1	6	3
1	3	6	2	7	4	5	8	9
7	4	2	8	5	9	6	3	1
9	5	8	1	3	6	2	7	4
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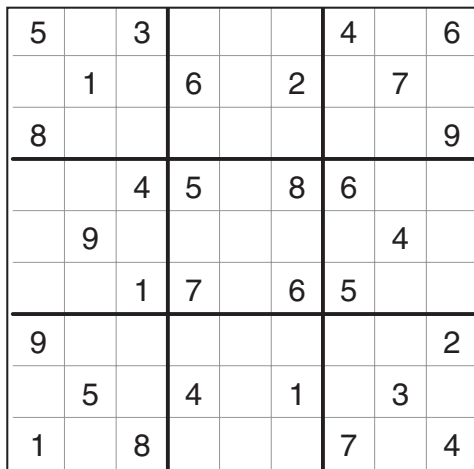
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Recipe of the day



Turkey Club Sandwich

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 strips lean bacon, halved
- 12 slices whole-wheat sandwich bread, toasted
- ½ cup (125 mL) light mayonnaise
- 8 lettuce leaves
- 1 large tomato, thinly sliced
- 8 oz (250 g) thinly sliced cooked turkey breast
- 8 tiny sweet pickles
- 8 pimiento-stuffed green olives

METHOD:

1. Cook bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Drain and set aside.
2. Spread each bread slice with mayonnaise. Place 1 lettuce leaf on each of four bread slices, then top each with tomato and two half-strips bacon. Add another slice of bread, mayo side up, and top with remaining lettuce. Divide

turkey evenly among sandwiches. Top with remaining bread.
3. Cut sandwiches in half diagonally. Thread a pickle and an olive onto each of eight wooden toothpicks, then poke a pick into each sandwich half.

PER SERVING:

400 calories, 26 g protein, 45 g carbohydrate, 2 g fibre, 13 g total fat, 3 g saturated fat, 62 mg cholesterol, 700 mg sodium

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There's danger of a cranky person visiting you. A grieving person moves toward closure. An agenda is going through a transformation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Lamps must be checked for flaws. There is no fool like a young fool. Contact is renewed with someone at a distance.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Forget a deed done in weakness. A crude crook causes anxiety attacks. You'll acquire facility with finances.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A grateful person will support you. The solution to an ironic problem improves working conditions. Get involved when someone needs comfort.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You must take charge of a sensitive issue. A presumptuous expert will probe a sore spot. A baffling man is too hilarious.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't neglect a frivolous idiot. Positive progress is made in talks. A dismal male will get your attention in a vexing way.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do not walk through a dark park alone. A manager will stir up memories. A sweet talker will tell secrets.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's no need to feel sorry for a troublemaker. Home is the place to retreat when you're vulnerable. Loneliness will fade.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't let anything get the better of you. A woman's moodiness has a certain elegance. A friend needs a firmer commitment from you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A spirited female applies logic with care. A friendly enemy stops playing games. A fair man demands that you do the right thing.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Enlightenment appears when your best friend shares techniques. You'll learn the truth about a distressing situation.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't push anyone around in a debate. Play nice with enemies. Nobody wants to get legal correspondence.

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